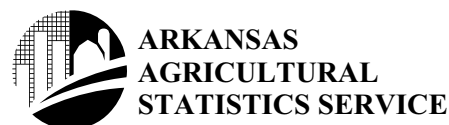


ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



Released: August 25, 2004

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

10800 Financial Centre Parkway
Suite 110
Little Rock, AR 72211
(501) 228-9926
<http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>

ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

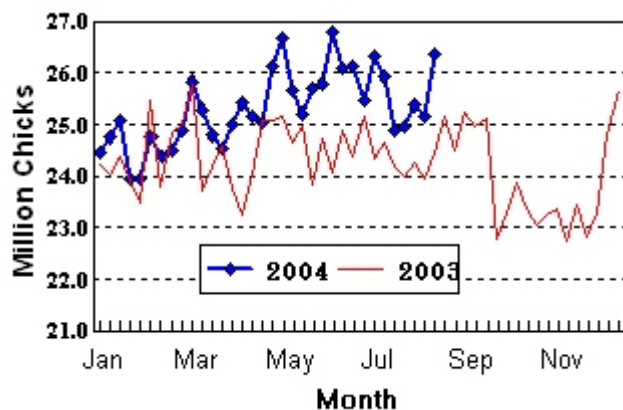
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 26.4 million during the week ending August 21, 2004. Placements were up 8 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 5 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 21, 2004 were 861.2 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 26.3 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.3 percent.

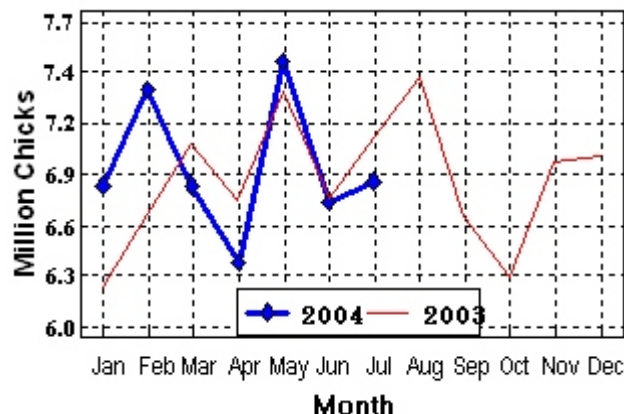
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 31.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 21, 2004, up 3 percent from the same period last year, but down fractionally from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.8 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2004, down 3 percent from July 2003.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2003- 2004**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2003	2004	
	1,000		
Jul. 17	24,697	25,933	105
Jul. 24	24,179	24,888	103
Jul. 31	24,022	24,993	104
Aug. 7	24,252	25,396	105
Aug. 14	23,973	25,208	105
Aug. 21	24,485	26,386	108

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2003	2004	
	1,000		
Feb.	6,659	7,340	110
Mar.	7,038	6,815	97
Apr.	6,735	6,402	95
May	7,323	7,492	102
Jun.	6,748	6,727	100
Jul.	7,071	6,834	97

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	31-Jul	07-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug		17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul	07-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug	
Alabama	30,646 *	30,390	30,144	30,158	104	21,113	22,328	21,781	21,273	21,752	21,526	99
ARKANSAS	31,944	31,552	31,870	31,864	103	25,933	24,888	24,993	25,396 *	25,208 *	26,386	108
Delaware	3,719	3,747	3,694	3,771	93	5,093	4,987	5,172	5,056	5,018 *	4,906	103
Florida	1,355	1,349	1,353	1,348	100	1,456	1,221	1,419	1,447	1,589	1,467	85
Georgia	34,307	34,319	33,656	33,535	102	27,797	27,041	25,624	27,056	26,398 *	26,884	106
Kentucky	7,264 *	7,437	7,261	7,038	104	5,638	6,057	6,249	6,008	6,216 *	6,448	110
Louisiana	3,914	3,923	3,923	3,923	102	3,453	4,009	3,733	3,625	3,674	3,719	109
Maryland	8,908	8,895	8,885 *	8,888	94	5,835	5,984	5,375	5,998	5,743 *	6,059	93
Mississippi	19,839	19,831	19,845	19,713	104	17,197	17,203	17,064	17,006 *	17,570	17,179	105
N. Carolina	18,603 *	17,962	18,069	18,122	106	14,921	13,789	14,887	14,982	14,724	14,955	105
Oklahoma	6,798 *	6,913	6,485	6,739	111	5,142	5,905	4,880	4,935	5,121	4,926	114
Pennsylvania	4,136	3,655	3,872 *	3,963	108	2,853	2,808	2,844	2,923	2,764 *	2,929	106
S. Carolina	3,828	3,978	4,132	3,856	88	3,729	3,815	4,799	4,603 *	4,160	4,661	117
Texas	15,353	15,512	15,427	15,260	105	12,763	12,631	12,719	12,871	12,874	12,702	106
Virginia	6,655	6,665	6,579	6,572	103	5,448	5,428	5,638	5,256	5,380	5,209	100
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,627 *	17,577 *	17,741 *	17,798	105	16,392	15,501	15,625	16,075 *	16,470 *	15,896	96
Total 2004	214,896 *	213,705 *	212,936 *	212,548		174,763	173,595	172,802	174,510 *	174,661 *	175,852	
Total 2003	206,636	206,725	205,371	205,998		165,525	167,909	167,589	170,090	169,515	169,295	
%Prev. Year	104	103	104	103		106	103	103	103	103	104	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						04-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending August 21, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 21, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through August 21, 2004 were 5.86 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.